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Temporary Implant for Use as an Anchor in the Mouth

Enclosed for your reference for our upcoming telephone conference on Thursday, February 13, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. is the following:

- Proposed Claims (For Discussion Purposes Only); 1.
- Proposed Drawings; and 2.
- Reference Rybicki et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,011,602. 3.

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PROPOSED CLAIMS (For Discussion Purposes Only)

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 38. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an in-bone portion connected to an abovebone portion, said in-bone portion and said above-bone portion each having an inner end and an outer end, the cross-sectional area of said above-bone portion inner end being greater than the crosssectional area of said in-bone portion outer end, thereby forming a shoulder having a bone-contacting surface on said above-bone portion inner end capable of resting on a part of the bone surface adjacent to an opening in the bone when said implant is positioned in the mouth;

Said elongated body further including a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 39. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an in-bone portion connected to an abovebone portion, said in-bone portion and said above-bone portion each having an inner end and an outer end, the cross-sectional area of said above-bone portion inner end being greater than the crosssectional area of said in-bone portion outer end, thereby forming a shoulder having a bone-contacting surface on said above-bone portion inner end capable of resting on a part of the bone surface adjacent to an opening in the bone when said implant is positioned in the mouth;

Said implant further including an integrally formed orthodontic appliance extending from said above-bone portion of said elongated body.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 40. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an inner end, an outer end, an intermediate portion disposed between said inner and outer ends, and a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body, said intermediate portion having an outer circumferential surface including a plurality of annular ridges for providing a mechanical retentive force when said implant is positioned in an opening in a bone surface within the mouth.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 41. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an inner end, an outer end, a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said implant, and a retention portion for assisting in securing said implant within an opening in a bone surface in the mouth;

Said retention portion including a section of the elongated body extending from one of said inner end and said outer end at least part-way toward the other of said inner end and said outer end, said retention portion further including a tapered bore and at least one longitudinal cut, said tapered bore and said longitudinal cut extending from said one of said inner and outer ends with said tapered bore having a cross-sectional area which gets smaller in the direction of said inner end, whereby when said implant is positioned in an opening in a bone surface of the mouth, and an orthodontic appliance having a corresponding fastening section is attached to said elongated body, a portion of the fastening section biases against a portion of the sidewall of said tapered bore

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and moves said retention portion radially outward thereby securing said implant in the opening in the bone surface.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 42. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an inner end, an outer end, a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said implant, and a retention portion for assisting in securing said implant within an opening in a bone surface in the mouth,

Said retention portion including a section of the elongated body extending from one of said inner end and said outer end at least part-way toward the other of said inner end and said outer end, said retention portion being formed of a shape-memory alloy and including a bore and at least two longitudinal cuts, said bore and said longitudinal cuts extending from said one of said inner end and said outer end at least part-way toward said other of said inner end and said outer end, said longitudinal cuts forming at least two leg portions, said retention portion capable of assuming a predetermined shape in which said leg portions angle slightly radially outward when said retention portion reaches an ambient mouth temperature, thereby securing said implant in an opening in a bone surface in the mouth.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 43. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an inner end, an outer end, an intermediate portion disposed between said inner and outer ends, and a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body, said elongated body being formed of a bioresorbable material.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 44. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an inner end, an outer end, an intermediate portion disposed between said inner and outer ends, and a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body, said intermediate portion having an outer circumferential surface including an osteoinductive factor.

An implant for use as an anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing 45. (New) or moving force, comprising:

An elongated body having an inner end, an outer end, an intermediate portion disposed between said inner and outer ends, and a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body, said intermediate portion having an outer circumferential surface including an infection-inhibiting coating.

An anchorage system for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force 46. (New) in the mouth, comprising:

An onplant having a bone-facing surface, an opposite face, and a hole extending through said onplant at an angle substantially perpendicular to said bone-facing surface; and

An implant for use in affixing said onplant to a bone surface in the mouth, said implant having an elongated body including an inner end and an outer end, said inner end and a portion of said elongated body capable of being positioned through said hole and in an opening in a bone surface in the mouth.

47. (New) A method of forming an anchor in a non-occlusal surface of the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force, comprising the steps of:

providing an implant having an elongated body which includes an inner end, an outer end, an outer circumferential surface between said inner and outer ends, and a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body; and

positioning at least a part of said elongated body, including said inner end, in an opening in a bone surface selected from the group consisting of the buccal, labial, lingual and palatal surfaces of the maxillary jawbone and the buccal, labial and lingual surfaces of the mandibular jawbone, thereby forming an anchor in a non-occlusal surface of the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force.

48. (New) A method of forming an anchor in a non-occlusal surface of the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force, comprising the steps of:

providing an implant having an elongated body and an integrally formed orthodontic appliance, said elongated body including an inner end and an outer end; and positioning at least a part of said elongated body, including said inner end, in an opening in a bone surface selected from the group consisting of the buccal, labial, lingual and palatal surfaces of the maxillary jawbone and the buccal, labial and lingual surfaces of the mandibular jawbone, thereby forming an anchor in a non-occlusal surface of the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force.

49. (New) A method of forming an anchorage system in the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force, comprising the steps of:

Placing an onplant on a bone surface in the mouth selected from the group consisting of the buccal, labial, lingual and palatal surfaces of the maxillary jawbone and the buccal, labial and lingual surfaces of the mandibular jawbone, said onplant having a bone-facing surface, an opposite face, and a hole extending through said onplant at an angle substantially perpendicular to said bone-facing surface; and

Positioning a portion of an implant through said hole in said onplant and in an opening in said bone surface thereby affixing said onplant to said bone surface, said implant having an elongated body including an inner end and an outer end.

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